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24 Most Beautiful Places in Mexico

From charming small towns to stunning islands, these are the most beautiful places to visit in Mexico.

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Beautiful beaches, ancient ruins, rugged landscapes, and colorful cities galore: Find all this and more in Mexico. While our neighbor to the south is teeming with awe-inspiring locales, narrowing down which are worth a spot on your must-see list can be tricky, especially considering how vast the country is. For this reason, working with someone with in-depth knowledge of the country and its many regions is crucial, says Zachary Rabinor, a [T+L A-List Travel Advisor](#) specializing in Mexico and the founder of [Journey Mexico](#). According to the pro, these individuals can offer valuable insights and recommendations based on your interests and preferences, whether that's searching for the best street food, securing a coveted dinner reservation, or arranging a private driver to take you to and from Mexico's most iconic attractions.

Ready to start planning your Mexico escape? *Travel + Leisure* can help: From hidden-gem beaches and mountain towns to world-famous archaeological sites and major metropolises, we've rounded up 24 of the most beautiful places in Mexico, according to experts.

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Hope Smith, a travel advisor at [Montecito Village Travel](#), a Virtuoso Agency, tells T+L that some of the richest displays of Mexican culture can be found in [Merida](#), "a city full of wonderful food, beautiful mansions, haciendas, and lush gardens." Additionally, she says, "You will also find historic Mayan archaeological sites, including Uxmal, La Ruta Puuc, and Chichén Itzá." For a stay just as eclectic as the city itself, Smith recommends [Chablé Yucatán](#), which she describes as a "five-star experience in a hacienda-style setting."

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